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March 16-17-18, 1939

HOTEL STATLER, DETROIT

The Michigan Society of Architects' Twenty-fifth Annual Convention, will be held at Hotel Statler in Detroit on March 16-17-18, 1939.

The event, commemorating the Society's Silver Anniversary, will feature, in addition to the usual business sessions, an architectural exhibition and building material exhibits. The entire ball room floor of the Statler will be given over for three days to this purpose.

The banquet, concluding the convention, will again be held jointly with the Producers' Council Club of Michigan and the Builders' & Traders' Exchange of Detroit as the Third Annual Building Industry Banquet.

In past years this event has been attended by 750 representing every element of the building industry. It is estimated that this year 1,000 will attend the event.

The Society now has a membership of well over 400 and it is expected that by convention time this number will be increased to at least 600, by far the largest in the organization's history.

Since the last annual convention the Society has been reorganized into a truly state-wide organization, with local divisions similar to chapters of The American Institute of Architects, each with its own officers. They are the West Michigan Society of Architects at Grand Rapids, the Ann Arbor Society of Architects, the Saginaw Valley Society of Architects, the Jackson-Lansing Society of Architects, the Kalamazoo-Calhoun Counties Association of Architects and the Detroit Division, Michigan Society of Architects.

The president of the Society is Kenneth C. Black of Lansing, and each local group has representation on the board of the parent body. It is expected that

these local divisions working as committees in their cities will increase attendance at the Convention far in excess of any previous year.

There are many problems of common interest to Michigan Architects this year and those registered in Michigan though living and practicing in other states are expected to join with us in putting architecture in the forefront, ready to take advantage of increased business, which we feel is bound to come.

As a further step toward this end the Weekly Bulletin of the Michigan Society is collecting photographs and biographical sketches of members for publication in the Annual Convention Number, which will be in the nature of a "Who's Who in Michigan Architecture."

### KEEP OPEN THIS DATE

Detroit Chapter Meeting  
Cranbrook Academy of Art  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH

Dinner at 6:30 P. M., \$1.00

Directors Meeting 4:30 P. M. at Mr. Raseman's office

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## A FURTHER APPEAL

Now that the Annual Convention dates have been set as March 16-17-18, we must set the deadline for photographs and biographies as February 1, 1939, to allow for making the cuts, processing, editing, etc.

Undoubtedly there are many who still do not understand the importance of this undertaking. To them may we ask that they have faith and give us the chance to prove our idea? We have in mind a movement to put the architects in the forefront, not only in Michigan but nationally as well and even though you cannot fully see through it at this time we believe that the least you could do would be to go along with us and support this movement.

Of course, there are some who are flatly opposed to the idea for one reason or another. For them we have the greatest respect and if their ideas can't be changed then there is nothing that can be done about it. Their names will simply have to be left out of what purports to be a complete "Who's Who in Michigan Architecture." If some one later asks, "How come?" The question will have to be directed to those who declined the invitation.

Three dollars won't make or break anyone. It might be the beginning toward a realization of what we all in the profession have so long sought. Of course, if we can't get the full support of the leaders in our profession, how can we hope to receive it from others?

Won't you please lend your cooperation by sending in the material requested? **Do it now.**

As an example of real cooperation we quote from the letter of Gus O'Dell:



**Gus O'Dell**

I reached Detroit with a bicycle, \$43.00 and a boy's stout heart. Wise or otherwise, I was practicing architecture when twenty eight years of age. My fastest job was a theater in Ottawa, my boss not knowing that I had left a fiancee behind. After marriage, I was just as anxious to get away for fourteen months in France in 1917-18.

I would like to challenge any member of the M. S. A. for titles, past and present. Here they are:

1. "Captain" Aviation Construction, U. S. A.
2. "Major" of Engineers, A. E. F.
3. "Colonel" of Ordinance Department, O. R. C.
4. "Commissioner," State Board of Registration.
5. "Secretary," Bloomfield Open Hunt.
6. "President," Michigan Society of Architects.
7. "Judge" — Municipal, of Bloomfield Hills.

For seven years, I lived on and operated a farm, had great fun and broke even. I like golf, horses, dogs, hunting, French wine, fishing, after dinner coffee, chopping wood, a good book, swimming, kidding my daughter, poker, people, the north woods, and Sunday naps.

I dislike Michigan in February and March, garters, dinner at noon, cats and to be interrupted. (My wife put in that last one).

We greatly appreciate this splendid out-pouring, and let this be a lesson to others.

Many of last week's contributions were combined with Christmas greetings and we take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge communications from Messrs. A Stewart, Seeler, Harry Wackter, Hoffmaster, Dysarz, Dittmer, Haughey, Richard G. Snyder, Dean, Hoffman, Knopke, Ritchie, Lange, Hart, Willeke, Ralph Herrick, Stanley Simpson, Golinski, Richard E. Schmidt, the office of Harley and Ellington, the office of A. P. Allen and Maurice Webster, the office of Ditchy-Farley-Perry, Wenzell, F. C. O'Dell, Klei, Grylls, Giberson, Gildersleeve, DeAngelis, Pellerin, Chesnow, McConkey, Munger, Zissler, Clapp, Ruehl, Holt, Morris Webster, Beckbissinger, Munger, Allen Agree, Langhenrich, Conklin, Hubel, Haas, Miss Emily Butterfield and Miss E. A. Martini.

Our photographer is doing some excellent work. Detroit Architects can have him make one photograph for one dollar. Call John S. Coburn, CAdillac 6389 and he will be at your service, at your office.

## MEETING I. E. S. & M. S. A.

*Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies  
Ann Arbor, Tuesday, January 10, 8 P. M.*

**PURPOSE:** To inspect this outstanding new building and hear a talk by Mr. W. E. Kapp of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Architects and Engineers for the building, who will discuss, among other things the various interesting and novel lighting features.

Invitations will be mailed to members of the Michigan Society of Architects by Mr. Ted Brown of the General Electric Company, chairman of the Illuminating Engineering Society, Michigan Section, under whose auspices the meeting is being held.

A carillon concert will be heard preceding the meeting.

## ARCHITECTS' REPORTS

**AGREE, CHARLES N., 1140 Book Twr.**—Bids closed, 3-sty Apt. Bldg., Chicago & Lawton. Plans Aaron DeRoy Memorial Bldg., Jewish Community Center, Woodward & Holbrook, ready about Jan. 23, 1939. Prep. plans 1-sty. store bldg., Woodward & Friedburg; also plans, one sty. store, 17720 Gr. River; owner M. H. Sobel.

**BRANDT, C. W.** 3408 Eaton Tower.

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**BENNETT & STRAIGHT**, 13526 Michigan Ave. Dearborn—Bids closed, school; Carson City, School, Holton. Fire Station, Dearborn; 14-rm school, Ecorse.

**GIFFELS & VALLET, INC., L. Rossetti, Associate** — 1000 Marquette Bldg.—Prep. plans supst., Gen. Con. Tool & Die Shop, Ford Motor Co.; also for local manufact.

**FRY & KASURM**, Ann Arbor.—Gen. Cont. two A. A. High School additions let to H. B. Culbertson Co., Detroit. Mechanical, Hickey, Shaw & Winkler, Detroit. Total \$299,301.

**GODDEYNE, JOS. C.**, Bay City.—Gen. Cont., Alpena Municipal hospital let to Owens-Ames-Kimball Co., Grand Rapids. \$139,040. Plumbing, Peter Eddy, Dearborn, \$29,300. Elect., Kenny-Maynard Elect. Co., Bay City, \$14,610. Elev., Kercher, \$8,070. Metal cases, Grand Rapids Office Tur. Co., \$5544.50. Sterilizers, Scanlan-Morris Co., Madison, Wis., \$2,934.05.

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3-sty addn., Bixby Hospital, Adrian, Bids closed.

**PEREIRA, P. R.**, 1548 Tyler.—Prep. plans alt. beer garden, Hastings & Vernon. New heat & air cond.

**SCHLEY, CYRIL EDWARD**—605 Lafayette Building Prep. sketches steel Constr. Res. Gr. Pte.

## CONTINUATION OF STATE PLANNING AND HOUSING COMMISSIONS SOUGHT

December 19, 1938

Hon. Frank D. Fitzgerald,  
Governor-elect,  
Grand Ledge, Michigan.

Dear Sir:—

The Michigan Society of Architects is vitally interested in the work of those agencies of the state government which have to do with planning. We refer specifically to the following:

First, the State Planning Commission which assembles and co-ordinates data regarding the physical resources and needs of the state as a whole.

Second, the Capitol Planning Commission which was established to formulate a plan for the location of future public buildings in Lansing with a view to creating a unified capitol plan which will give our capital city an appearance of dignity in keeping with the majesty of our great commonwealth.

Third, the State Housing Commission which, by studying the housing and slum clearance needs of the state and co-ordinating them with the efforts of the Federal Government to solve these problems, can render an invaluable service to the common people of our state.

The board of directors of the Michigan Society of Architects instructed me, at its last meeting, to write you to the effect that we favor a continuation of the work of these commissions. We sincerely hope you will make them a part of your program and do all in your power to secure, for each of them, an adequate budget for the proper discharge of their duties.

This letter is not intended, nor should it be construed, as an endorsement of any particular member of any of the commissions referred to, whose re-appointment may depend upon political preference.

We assume that you, as well as ourselves, are interested in having men of the highest technical ability as members of commissions of this kind, and we wish you to know that if, at any time, our organization can be of any assistance to you in securing qualified men for any vacancies which may occur on these commissions, we will be only too happy to be of service.

Respectfully,

KENNETH C. BLACK, President,  
Michigan Society of Architects.

### A MOOT SUBJECT

*At the November meeting of the Westchester County (N. Y.) Society of Architects a subject of interest to architects throughout the country was discussed. As a result, the following correspondence was reported in The Blue Print.*

"Mr. John Cushman Fistere, Architectural Editor  
Ladies' Home Journal  
1270 Sixth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Fistere:

Members of the Westchester County Society of Architects were much disturbed at the advertisement which appeared in the New York Sun on November 9th, announcing the display of your prize winning designs at Gimbel's. The statement in the advertisement that readers might well dispense with the services of an architect seems unwarranted and detrimental to the profession.

The Society has asked me, as Secretary, to write you to determine the circumstances under which this advertisement appeared and requested that I ask you the following questions:

(1) Was the copy and wording of this Gimbel advertisement submitted to you and published with your approval?

(2) Did the architects whose names were used know that they were being used, and was the copy submitted to these architects?

(3) Is it the policy of Ladies' Home Journal to suggest, intimate or advocate that houses should be built without the services of architects?

Since yours is a national magazine and your exhibit will undoubtedly be displayed throughout the country, we as architects, feel that you can do either a service or a dis-service to both your readers and the architects throughout the country by the type of copy and publicity that appears in connection with the showing of your prize winning designs.

We would greatly appreciate a statement from you covering this situation as fully as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Levine, Sec."

And now the answer thereto:

"Your telephone call today reminded me that I had not answered your letter of November 18, and on Friday Mr. Kenneth Stowell, of House Beautiful, reminded me of the same thing. We were under the impression that the letter had been answered in as much as I had received several complaints comparable to yours.

To answer your questions categorically:

(1) The copy of the advertisement was not submitted to us.

(2) The copy was not submitted to the architects.

(3) The Ladies' Home Journal has a house pattern service through which it sells plans and specifications of the houses published in the magazine for \$1.00. At first glance this might seem to you, as it has seemed to many architects, that we were operating a typical stock plan service. As a matter of fact, however, the Journal house pattern service is really a source of business for architects, rather than means of competition. We explain in our service that those who buy them should obtain the services of a local architect. The patterns are used primarily as a basis from which actual building of a house can be discussed. From the mail which we receive I know that in the majority of cases those who buy our patterns follow our advice about obtaining architectural advice.

In those cases where no architect is used, readers are so far away from a practicing architect that it is not feasible for them to have architectural service of any kind.

I hope this explains our position, and again I want to assure you that the Ladies' Home Journal has no intention of trying to mislead its readers into thinking that its pattern service is a substitute for a good architect, or his service.

Sincerely,

John Cushman Fistere,  
Architectural Editor."

### PRIZE OF \$400 PLAY HOUSE

An eleven year old school girl of Salt Lake City, Utah, has just won a \$400 play house for writing the best three-hundred word essay on "Why My Dad Should Have an Architect Plan Our New Home".

The Salt Lake City Tribune Telegram, the Utah

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Edited by E. J. Brunner

# Planning for Annual Meeting

Marked innovation will be introduced into the program for the Annual Election; Annual Meeting; and Annual Get-To-Gether of the Builders' and Traders' Exchange which takes place on January 17, 1939.

The big change is in site. We are going to stage the proceedings in the Fort Shelby Hotel. By doing so we can care for our members more adequately.

Present plans which have been thoroughly discussed by the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee and the Board of Directors call for the polls being opened at the Exchange as usual on the 17th of January at 9 A. M. At 12 noon they will be transferred to the Shelby Room of the Fort Shelby Hotel.

At that place all remaining business of the day will be transacted and events take place. The polls will be open until three p. m. and closed at that time. The annual meeting will take place at 3 P. M. at the Fort Shelby.

A buffet luncheon and beer will be on hand as in past years. There is a bar in the Shelby Suite of rooms and this will be in service for beer and those who want other available drinks. The beer will be free.

As plans mature further we shall keep our membership informed.

It is hoped to make this event the most outstanding annual meeting and the "biggest vote" election we have ever had.

Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, the local Women's Clubs, Realtors, F. H. A., Lumbermen's Association, The Utah Electrical League and "House & Garden," in connection with a Home Show exhibition in Salt Lake City arranged the contest for school children under fifteen years of age.

The essay is as follows:

"WHY MY DAD SHOULD HAVE AN ARCHITECT PLAN OUR NEW HOME".

"Building a new home is an important event in the lives of all families because 'a home is a man's castle', and its construction probably represents the largest investment that they will ever make. It should be carefully considered to meet the needs of the family, and planned to give them the most value for their money. Correct materials should be used, the arrangement made convenient and the plumbing and heating systems well planned.

"Actually most people know very little about building a home because planning and building a house is a business in itself and requires considerable knowledge and experience.

"Therefore, I believe my Dad should engage a reliable architect. An architect is a professional man in whom all the responsibility and trust required to build a good home can be placed. He is trained to plan houses, know materials and how to arrange a house to be attractive and convenient. Many details that Mother and Dad are sure to overlook will not escape his attention. He knows how to prepare specifications and a contract and how to select a dependable contractor.

"My Dad does not know much about constructing a house and his business would not permit him to spend the required time. This is another important reason why an architect should be employed and given complete responsibility for the plans and specifications, advice in the selection of the contractor and for the inspection of the house during its construction.

"I believe that my Dad will gain a great deal of satisfaction when our new home is completed if he obtains the services of an architect.

"Barbara Nauthon Age 11

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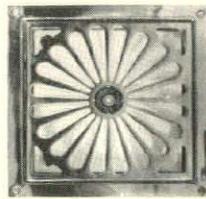
Selfridge Field was allotted \$23,088 for new non-commissioned officers, garages, addition to post exchange, hospital improvements and decorating.

Hamtramck was granted \$6,072 a partial allotment, for surveying record maps of sewers, tunnels, and other underground structures.

Mt. Clemens received a partial allotment of \$2,207 to enlarge public bathing beaches.

Wayne County got a partial allotment of \$64,967 to install a new system for inventory of equipment and personal property owned by Detroit.

Other Michigan communities receiving partial allotments were: Grand Rapids, \$2,640 to augment record-keeping staff at State laboratory; Menominee County, \$31,275 for road improvements; Muskegon, \$3,588 to



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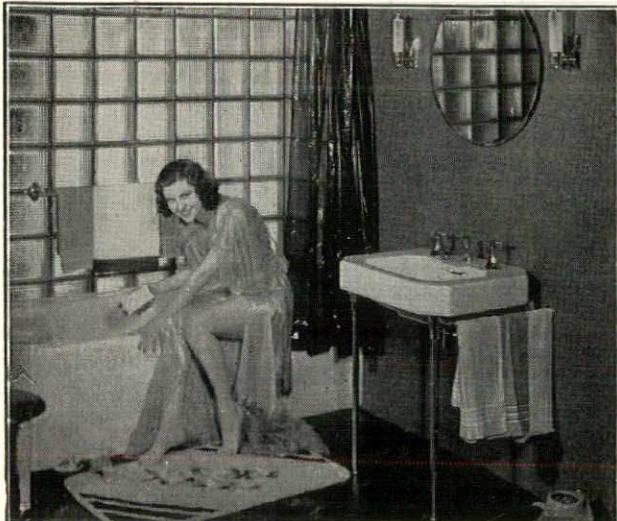
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## THE MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF 1939!

And so it is for the newly organized Detroit Division of the M. S. A.

Every registered architect who practices or resides within the Metropolitan area of Detroit is eligible to membership in the Detroit Division, even though he is not at present an active member of the State Organization.

This Division of the M. S. A. was organized so late in the old year that your officers deemed it best to withhold any regular business meetings until after the Holidays.

It is our wish that this first regular business meeting should start off with a bang, and we don't know of any better New Year's Resolution than for every eligible architect to promise his attendance. You won't be disappointed if you keep that promise.

In accordance with the wishes of **Diehl** the members who attended the organization meeting, your officers have invited the State Society to hold its annual convention in Detroit this year. This invitation has been accepted and the date has been set for March 16, 17 & 18. The Builders and Producers have expressed their wishes to join us in staging the largest and finest of Building Industry Banquets in conjunction with our Convention and there have been some special features suggested which will be discussed at this meeting.

The By-laws for our Division have been compiled by the Committee. All standing Committees have been appointed. Both the By-laws and the committee appointments await your approval.

All of these matters and many other demand your attention.

If every one of the approximate 280 eligible architects of this district would attend this meeting, there would be work for all. It is our fondest hope that we shall have the attendance of at least one representative from every office.

We want the Organization's actions to carry the weight of true cross-sectional representation of the majority of our profession. Your officers are at your service; and if you harbor any lingering doubts about that statement, just put them to the test. It is our belief that a distinct personal benefit redounds to every active member in a group of this kind, and we're ready to prove that too. Incidentally, the dues for the year are only one "buck" if you join now.



We have heard all about the old adage of "The New Broom which sweeps clean," but we assure you again that we are sincere; and besides, if you don't like our efforts, well — there's to be another election of officers at the February meeting, so get out your diaries and write down this date.

MEETING, DETROIT DIVISION, M. S. A. Inter-collegiate Alumni Club, Wednesday, January 11, Dinner at 6:30 P. M.—\$1.00.

GEORGE F. DIEHL, President

## TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION



Plans for the Michigan Society of Architects "Silver Jubilee" are progressing and indications are that it will far out do any annual convention yet held. The entire ball room floor of Hotel Statler has been reserved for March 16, 17, 18 at which an architectural exhibition and building materials exhibit will be held. Paul R. Marshall of The Aluminum Company of Michigan, representing the Producers' Council Club, is chair-

man of the Hotel Committee who have to do with the allotment of space for the display of building products. There are available nine parlors which may be reserved by one concern or divided to suit. Applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received and products will be passed upon by the committee. It has been decided that such displays must have educational value in bringing forward new materials and methods of interest to architects. In some instances a group or industry will co-operate to this end. Concerns who are interested should get in touch with Mr. Marshall as soon as possible in order to secure desired space.

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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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"We believe that the best manner of wishing you a happy and most prosperous New Year is to accompany our wishes with some evidence of our sincerity.

"We are, therefore, enclosing a check covering the memberships of all the members of the firm, in the Michigan Society of Architects.

"We want to congratulate you for the splendid way in which you have carried on the Society during the lean years and hope that it may be possible to help you in as many ways as we can during the present year.

"With kindest personal regards, we are,

Yours sincerely,

KNECHT, McCARTHY & THEBAUD, Inc.

By: William H. McCarty"

We wish again to emphasize the fact that we may yet be able in our convention number to include a word from Bob Ripley, who will say "Believe it or Not, in Michigan, Architects have agreed 100%, at least on one matter."

In our treatment of the subject "Twenty-five Years of Michigan Architecture" it will be pointed out that we have a real reason for a "Silver Jubilee", in which we will compare the output of our profession with that of the automotive industry, showing a 1914 model along side of the streamlined product of today. Obviously, we do not expect to do this every year, and that is why we feel that it behoves every architect registered in this state to cooperate on this extraordinary occasion.

At least we will find out who are our friends and those who are not even interested enough to pay \$3.00 for active membership in their own state Society will have to be left out of this issue and further than that their names will have to be removed from our mailing list. This is not an idea cooked up by the Editor, but by order of our Board of Directors, as it is absolutely necessary to keep the Weekly Bulletin on a paid subscription basis. This endeavor is far from being a purely local one as the Society is affiliated with The American Institute of Architects and pays to it annually a sum of money in proportion to its active membership. Therefore, when you support the Society you are supporting the Institute, and furthering the movement toward national uniformification of the architectural profession.

The deadline for dues, photographs and biographies has been extended to February 1st, and it is hoped that architects will comply with our request as early as possible in order to save us the trouble of concentrating upon the recalcitrants at the last minute. It is our purpose to use every possible means to get architects to comply with this request and toward the deadline committees will be formed in various cities to follow up by personal contact. Your cooperation will make our work lighter. We wish to acknowledge receipt of material from the following: Messrs. Hosman, Ralph Bauer, Cottrell, Worden, McColl, Broecker, B. F. Olson, Horner, Larkin, Akitt, Hawes, W. C. Zimmermann, Fred Herrick, F. E. Parmelee, Tuttle, Stubenrauch, John Kasurin, D. E. Anderson, Jogerst, Alex Donaldson, Schilling and Herman.

## NEW A. I. A. MEMBERS



Smith



Lyndon

Notification has just been received from Mr. Charles T. Ingham, secretary of The American Institute of Architects, of the election to membership in the Institute of Roy Maynard Lyndon and Eberle Minard Smith of Detroit and their assignment to the Detroit Chapter.

At the same time Mr. Ingham announces the election to Institute membership of Louis Clifton Kingscott of Kalamazoo. Mr. Kingscott was assigned to the Grand Rapids Chapter. All three are graduates of the University of Michigan. Lyndon and Smith as partners have done outstanding work in developing functional planning and modern design. Mr. Kingscott, a member of the firm of Stewart-Kingscott and Company, is now engaged in the design and supervision of the men's dormitory at the University of Michigan as well as other important projects throughout the state. We regret that we haven't Louis' photograph—as yet.

## UTLEY AWARDED U. OF M. DORM.

Contracts totaling \$1,350,000 have been awarded by the University of Michigan Regents as the current \$6,000,000 building program is officially begun.

One of the largest single construction jobs ever undertaken on the campus, the men's dormitory quadrangle to house 840 students, yielded a \$977,400 contract to J. A. Utley Co., Detroit. Stewart-Kingscott Company of Kalamazoo are the architects.

Other contracts on the dormitory went to the R. L. Spitzley Co., Detroit, \$155,134 for mechanical work; Central Electric Co., Battle Creek, \$80,784 for electrical work; and Otis Elevator Co., Detroit, \$27,800.

Other contracts in the building program, ranging from \$1,600 to \$63,000 were awarded to the Ann Arbor Construction Co.; Henry Kuebler, Ann Arbor contractor; Wicks Boiler Co., Saginaw; Worthington Pump and Machinery Co., Detroit; Hydraulic Concrete Breaking Co., Detroit; Brassler-Carter Co., Detroit; and Raymond Concrete Pile Co., New York.

## Ah, the South!

On the bulletin board in the Harvard Club there recently appeared a letter awaiting a claimant. This was the address, written in a delicate feminine hand:

Young Architect

(Who recently visited New Orleans)  
c/o Harvard Club,  
New York, N. Y.

(New Yorker—Readers Digest)

## NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE?

That intangible thing, "The Soul of a City," is the result of all the composite, undying human influences upon it—the sum total of its citizenship, representing its character, courage, loyalty, convictions, imaginations, abilities and capacities. Each year adds its chapter to the unchangeable past history of every city. Each new year offers opportunity to influence eternally, for better or for worse, the Soul of a City. What human characteristics and activities can assure greatest and most important influences and reactions toward civic progress and achievement during 1939?

In our democracy where officials are elected by the people, capable, conscientious, efficient public servants must be elected. All city departments and agencies must be headed and staffed by experts in their departmental activities. The people, however, hold dominant influence and every citizen has personal responsibility and civic obligation in these respects. If all official, appointive and department personnel were capable, conscientious and efficient but lacked the requisite spirit of cooperation and art of coordination, best civic accomplishments would be impossible.

Coordination and cooperation are vitally essential in municipal activities and operations. They are all-inclusive and comprehensive, enlisting whole-hearted response and support from not only the official, appointive and departmental personnel but also from each and every citizen. The potential value and influence of citizenship cooperation and coordination is understood by comparatively few. City officials, aids, and departments welcome the informed constructive interest, suggestions and criticisms of its citizenry in all civic matters.

Isn't it a logical deduction then that one of the finest civic services of Detroit's citizens is to lend ready and willing cooperation and coordination in major civic affairs? These services will be most valuable when inspired by full knowledge of matters in question. There rests therefore a civic duty and responsibility on all to be well informed on important civic issues.

The Detroit City Plan Commission solicits your well informed interest and support, knowing that you can be valuable to them and believing that they can be helpful to you, to the end that a fuller spirit of cooperation and greater art in coordination will write better civic accomplishments in 1939 records.

A Happy, Prosperous, Serviceable 1939 Civic-Minded New Year To You—

THE PLAINER

## CORRECTION

In the December 27th issue of the Weekly Bulletin "Industrial Architecture," a talk by Mr. Albert Kahn, was published. On page 10 a line was omitted which changed the sense of Mr. Kahn's statement, in fact the sentence as printed did not make sense. It read—"The claim made by these contracting engineers is that the latter plan means division of responsibility where it belongs." This should read as follows: "The claim made by these contracting engineers is that the latter plan means division of responsibility, which, of course, is wrong for it fixes responsibility where it belongs."

We regret this error and hope that this notice will at least in some measure remedy the condition.

## ILLUMINATING ENGINEERING SOCIETY MICHIGAN SECTION

ANN ARBOR MEETING: JANUARY 10, 1939  
8:00 P. M.

This meeting will be held at the new Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies Building on the campus of the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor—one of the outstanding new buildings in this area. Mr. William E. Kapp, of the firm of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Architects for the building will be the speaker. Mr. Kapp will discuss, among other things, the various interesting and novel lighting features, and will conduct an inspection tour of the building.

Immediately preceding the talk—from 7:45 to 8:00—a carillon concert will be presented. An added feature will be an opportunity to inspect the unusual lighting in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on the corner of N. Division and E. Catherine Streets, Ann Arbor. Mr. Lewis W. Simpson, Architect for the rebuilding and modernization of this beautiful English Gothic Church, and Messrs. Floyd Sell and Walter Knapp, who worked with him in designing the lighting, will be on hand to explain this unique installation. The church will be open from 7:00 to 7:45 p. m.

This is to be a joint meeting with the Michigan Society of Architects and the Residential Lighting Forum, and a good attendance is anticipated.

## Chapter Members

### KEEP OPEN THIS DATE

Detroit Chapter Meeting  
Cranbrook Academy of Art

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH  
Dinner at 6:30 P. M., \$1.00

Directors Meeting 4:30 P. M. at Mr. Raseman's office

This will be the first opportunity for Chapter members to inspect the latest work of Mr. Saarinen, the new Institute of Science Building.

## TALK OF CITY PLANNING

Recreation Room of The Art Club  
Cranbrook Academy of Art

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 8 P. M.

Mr. Walter C. Behrendt will talk on his work as Director of the Buffalo City Planning Association.

Mr. Richard P. Raseman, Executive Secretary at the Institute, states that architects and others interested in the subject are cordially invited to attend.

## U. P. ARCHITECTS FORM UNIT

Organization of an upper peninsula association of registered architects as a division of the Michigan Society of Architects was launched at a meeting held at the Dickinson Hotel in Iron Mountain on Friday evening, December 30th. D. E. Anderson of Marquette and F. E. Parmelee of Iron Mountain are instrumental in forming the new group. This will make the seventh unit of the State Society.

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**BUDDING ESTIMATORS CELEBRATE****Seventh class of Builders' and Traders' Estimating School will start January 16.**

The sixth class of the estimating school run by the Builders' and Traders' Exchange celebrated the end of sessions with a dinner at the Old Madrid Cafe on the evening of December 28th. In addition to the present class, fifteen former students attended.

Echlin M. Kaake, who from the inception of courses in estimating in 1936, has been the instructor, opened the "speech" part of the evening and then introduced E. J. Brunner, Secretary of the Exchange who in turn introduced the two main speakers of the evening—Mr. B. N. Blakeslee, Professor of Architectural Engineering of the University of Detroit; and Harry T. Wunderlich, President of the Carpenter Contractor Association of Detroit.

Mr. Wunderlich's talk was very interesting in that he cited many experiences in his extensive career as a carpenter contractor.

Mr. Blakeslee who had attended one of the early classes of the Builders' and Traders' school told the men that he admired greatly the work that was being done at the Exchange and was very favorably impressed with the caliber of students enrolled.

Attention was called to the fact that Milton Sauer had completed more work in the class than any other man attending as he had just finished his fourth term of work which was more or less in the nature of a post graduate course.

The committee in charge of arrangements consisted of Peter Terwin of Geo. Worswick Co.; Francis Redardon of Chas. J. Rogers Co.; John Hanna of Hanna, Zabriskie & Daron; Jack Ratcliffe of Ratcliffe Plastering Co.; Those attending the dinner were unanimous in stating that the committee did a wonderful job and that the talks were very worthwhile.

The estimating school has completed its sixth term. In all, 150 students have completed one or more terms of the work. Over one half of the students have taken over one term.

Students must be connected with some responsible firm in the industry, as the object of the course is to train men already in construction work. The object is not "mass production" of estimators. Purposely the classes have been kept down in numbers attending.

Students or firms enrolling students pay for the course. The charge is \$25.00 for two nights a week for a fifteen week period.

The Builders' and Traders' Exchange does not make any revenue off the Estimating School. The money paid by the students is all used in payment for instruction and the appurtenances thereto such as light for the plan room, supplies and postage.

The next term of the Estimating School begins on Monday evening, January 16th in the plan rooms of the Exchange at 439 Penobscot Building.

Each term finds beginners and advanced students waiting to take the course.

Beginners start on the plans for a six-room house.

There is no lecturing—no text book reading—the work is personally supervised and the class led along with just enough instruction to keep the students on the path of doing things for themselves.

The advanced students may be specializing in some branch of architectural estimating and of course are working on more complicated structures than its beginners.

**NOTICE OF MEETING AND ELECTION**

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the Builders' and Traders' Exchange of the City of Detroit, the Board of Directors causes announcement to be published to the members this 4th day of January, 1939, that the Annual Meeting of the Exchange will be held in the Shelby Room of the Fort Shelby Hotel at 3 P.M. on the seventeenth day of January, 1939, and the polls for the annual election will be opened at the offices of the Exchange at 9 A. M. on the seventeenth day of January 1939 and will remain open there until 12 noon at which time they will be transferred to the Shelby Room of the Fort Shelby Hotel to remain open there until three p. m.

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The successful bidder or bidders will be required to furnish satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum wage rates as set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the office of Housing Associates, Architects and Engineers, at Room No. 300, 250 Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, Michigan.

Copies of the documents may be obtained on or after January 9, 1939 by depositing \$50.00 with the Architects for each set of documents so obtained. The amount of the deposit will be refunded to each person who returns the plans and documents in good condition within 10 days after the opening of bids.

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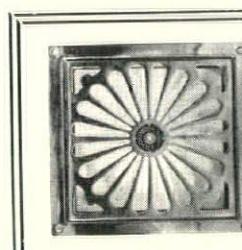
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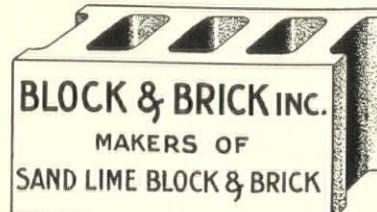
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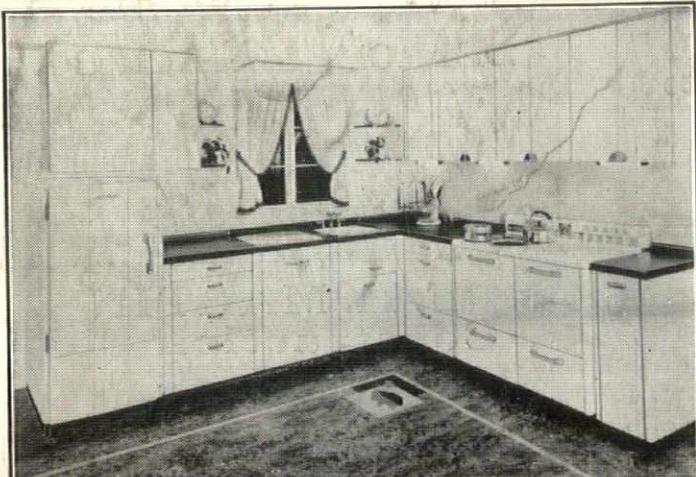
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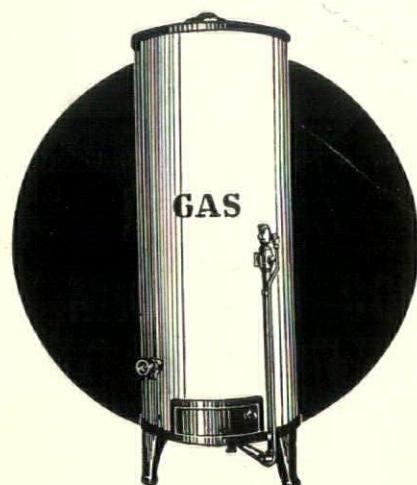
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### IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR DUES, PHOTOS, BIOGS.

For those who have not yet furnished all of the material requested, there is still plenty of time—if you act now. February first will do. In Detroit it's CADillac 6389 to bring photographer Coburn to your office for a photograph at one dollar. And in Michigan it's M. S. A. all the way.

For the material sent thank you Messrs. Cowin Stevens, Alex Donaldson, McGill, Weidmaier Owens, Kuni, Stubenranch, J. N. Donaldson, Rowland, M. Watzel, H. J. Darling, Langdon, Gould, Adler, Stow, Ruehl, Stuchell, Wm. Odell, Wells, Tuttle, Matteson, Willeke, Stachowiak, Keyes, G. H. Thompson, Thornton, Bauer, Chester Bauman, Nice, Winn.

Several of these wrote letters of interest about which you will hear later. With such support we hope that others will follow suit while there is still time. And to show to what extent an architect's imagination can go we quote:

#### WIRT C. ROWLAND



"Sunday's Child (Something about "in manner meek and mild!")

I was born in Clinton, Michigan, Sunday, December 1, 1878 (at 6 P. M.—so they tell me). Shortly thereafter, my father attempted to still my cries by rubbing a cracker on my lips. The cracker suddenly disappeared and the incident prophesied my present reputation as a gourmand!

#### Rowland

"Mother, I'm going to be an architect." That was my first declaration of fealty to our profession at the age of eight. From a pile of old Harper Magazines, I studied the plans and views of Lambeth Palace, and I straightway began planning my own castles with all the fireplaces, galleries and secret staircases in great number. But my mother was always critical of the amount of space to be used for clothes closets.

I graduated from the local high school, sketches of every possible project filling the flyleaves of my school books. I didn't like mathematics, but solid geometry—I had them there, and passed perfect on my final exam, in that subject. (Look at the Union Guardian Building!)

After a few months work in the woolen mills, and a partial course in the International Correspondence School, I was asked to work in one of the village banks. One lady simpered to my mother at the time "I hear your son is in the bank." "Yes," said my mother, "He's mopping the floors and tending the furnace."

The cashier said "I'll get you a job in the city. That's your work." (This I suppose in despair—after I had used every available piece of scratch paper for sketches). He did, and I began in the office of Rogers & MacFarlane. The first of my operations was to trim blueprints—thereby cutting all the footings off the section sheets. Gus O'Dell was at that time the only draftsman in that office.

My next move was to the office of George D. Mason who had the patience of a saint and was like a father to me—and isn't he to all? After nine years there, I went to the office of Albert Kahn. The first two weeks, when he would run quickly down the aisle—got my goat. Then, I settled down fearing nothing, and I have never had an unkind word from him. Ernest Wilby then became my spiritual father.

After a year at Harvard University, as a special  
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Also, all three quarter to full length tail beams, abutting headers must be end spiked and reinforced with similar 3"x3"x $\frac{3}{16}$ " angles, applied with three 10-penny spikes.

These requirements were adopted because (a) end-nailing is not visible for inspection, (b) standard rolled shapes were readily available in the required sizes.

Because 2"x8" joists are the shallowest in general use, a 7" length of angle has been generally adopted for all depths of joists. This length is acceptable for joists up to 12" deep.

In an endeavor to reduce costs and produce these connections in quantities, producers have furnished angles made by bending 1/8" thick plates, a thickness which is acceptable provided the bend is sharp, the width of leg is measured over the flat portion and does not include the bend, and three required nail holes are properly spaced. The holes shall be located in each leg as follows:

Middle hole shall be centered vertically at 1-1/2" from the long edge;

Top and bottom holes shall be centered 2" above and below center of middle hole and 3/4" from the edge;

Holes shall be drilled or punched to permit fairly tight fit of a 10-penny nail.

Where doubled joists abut doubled headers, two such clip angles are acceptable (one on each side of abutting joists) in lieu of steel hangers.

When there are 3 or more joists, either abutting the header or comprising the header, then standard rolled 3"x3"x $\frac{3}{16}$ " angles are required, drilled for 1/2" through bolts, the middle hole centered 1-3/4" from the edge, top and bottom holes 1-1/4" from the edge, and otherwise as noted above for 1/8" thick angles.

This will become effective on February 1, 1939.

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## GOOD NEWS

Word has been received from our beloved member, George D. Mason, that he is rapidly recovering from an illness contracted early in November. He is in Highland Park (Illinois) Hospital, and a letter to Arthur Hyde, president of the Detroit Chapter from Mr. Paul Ware, Mr. Mason's son in law states:

"Mr. Mason wanted you to know that he received the lovely flowers which you sent him and hopes to be able to thank you personally in the near future.

He is now making a splendid recovery although it will be necessary for him to remain at the Highland Park Hospital in Highland Park, Illinois, for a short while longer."

## DR. GIEDION VISITS DETROIT

Dr. S. Giedion, general secretary of the International Congress for the Promotion of Modern Buildings, with headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland, was a visitor to Detroit last week. While in this country, he is giving a course of lectures at Harvard University on Modern Architecture in Europe. He is particularly interested in the subject of town planning and is making a study of conditions in various American cities. His work at Harvard, under the Charles Eliot Norton Fellowship, will continue for the present academic year and the results thereafter will be published by the Harvard University Press.

While in Detroit, with Messrs. Cornelius L. T. Gabler and Talmage C. Hughes, he visited various sections of our city and was tremendously impressed with the possibilities for slum clearance. He said that in few other cities had he seen such large areas close in from which buildings could be cleared without great sacrifice. Bad town planning, Dr. Giedion says, is worse than no town planning, and he believes that there is a wonderful opportunity for some of our wealthy public spirited citizens to get behind such a movement, which he believes is the keystone of every culture. A nation without such consciousness is a nation without culture, he says, in calling his lectures "Town Planning, The Life of Architecture."

Modern architecture does not impress Dr. Giedion because it is modern but because in it he sees the symbol of projection of modern thinking.

America, he believes is the only country with such great possibilities and, therefore, we in America have great responsibilities.

## DETROIT CHAPTER, A. I. A. JANUARY MEETING

Cranbrook Academy of Science  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH

Dinner at 6:30 P. M., \$1.

Directors' Meeting 4 P. M.—Mr. Raseman's Office

This will be an opportunity for Chapter members to inspect the latest work of Mr. Saarinen, the new Institute of Science Building.

In previous announcements, Cranbrook Academy of Art was given as the place at which the dinner would be held. This was in error as the meeting and dinner will be held in the new Institute of Science Building. A feature of the meeting following dinner will be a sound motion picture "Today We Build." This film, which comes to us through the courtesy of the Federal Housing Administration, depicts large scale privately owned housing projects throughout the United States. It is said to be one of the most interesting films of the kind available.

President John N. Richards of the Toledo Chapter announces that a number of their members will accept an invitation from President Hyde to join with us in this meeting at Cranbrook.

## NATIONAL EXHIBITION OF REPRESENTATIVE BUILDINGS OF THE POST-WAR PERIOD

This exhibition, genuinely national in character, contains photographs of buildings in twenty-nine states—from seventy-five cities and towns—showing the variety of architectural styles in the United States. It is being held at the University of Michigan, College of Architecture, January 5th-18th.

## DIVISION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The regular January meeting of the Detroit Division, M. S. A. was held at a dinner in the Intercollegiate Alumni Club, Wednesday evening, January 11th. Those present were Messrs. Rossello, Tilds, Redstone, Blakeslee, Thulin, H. E. Pine, H. L. Cook, Vose, Noble, Haberman, Miles, Bauer, Thornton, Gamber, Wm. Odell, C. L. Baumann, Diehl, Gabler, Stahl, Hughes, Miller McConnell, M. W. McConnell, Wright, Merritt, Morison, Cole, Caldwell, Cowin, Dysarz, Cox, Perry, L. M. Wetzel, Black, Marshall, Winn, Gay, Hewlett, Ditchy, Rosinger, Kasurin, Keough, Van Reyendam, Haas, Hyde, Sorensen and Weaver.

President Diehl of the Division presented Kenneth C. Black, president of the Society who stated that architects throughout the state are looking forward to a most successful convention in Detroit, and he announced the action taken by the Board in forming the local committee on arrangements.

Mr. Diehl expresses gratification at the attendance of some 46 members but stated that with a potential membership of 280 he hoped that with each succeeded meeting membership would be increased.

The proposed by-laws of the Society, prepared by Messrs. Blakeslee, Caldwell and Hughes, were read and discussed in detail and with minor changes were adopted. As approved the by-laws are now as published on page 8 of this issue.

President Diehl announced the progress that had been made on convention arrangements and called upon members for suggestions. Mr. Morison stated that he felt that there was a wonderful opportunity to far outdo all records of previous conventions both in attendance and subject matter. He emphasized the importance of the Producers' Council Club of Michigan and the Builders' & Traders' Exchange of Detroit in again inviting the architects to join with them in the annual building industry banquet, which this year will be held as the concluding event of our convention. This he stated will insure a large attendance and a great deal of interest occasioned by the publicity attached to such an event. He stated that the entire ball room floor of the Hotel Statler has been reserved for our use during the three day meeting and he expressed the desirability of impressing upon members throughout the state that this is more than ever a state-wide meeting of all architects registered.

The principal features will include an exhibition of architects' work and a building materials exhibit. Mr. Gamber suggested that the Historic American Building Survey Exhibition sponsored by the J. L. Hudson Company might be secured for this event and it was also suggested that a part of the exhibit might be given over to student work. The public will be invited and given an opportunity to see what architects of Michigan are doing and perhaps some good reasons "Why employ an Architect?"

It is natural that the Producers should feature "Consult your Architect" in connection with their displays as they have consistently done.

It is also expected that some sound pictures of interest to the public as well as to architects will be shown and an effort will be made to give this event wide publicity through the newspapers, on the radio and perhaps with short news reels in some of the theaters. George Haas, who will again lend his able assistance, was enthusiastic in his statement that this is an opportunity for the most important architectural meeting ever held in this state. The Building In-

dustry Banquet has heretofore drawn nearly one thousand people from all branches of the building industry even when the Society's Convention was not held in this connection. Mr. Haas states that we should be able to enlist the aid of the USHA, the FHA and such helpful agencies. He believes that Detroit is on the spot and bespeaks that hearty cooperation of every member.

## ARCHITECTS' BALL

The meeting was enthusiastic in its approval of the Third Annual Architects' Ball and it was decided that this event should be held at the Intercollegiate Alumni Club on Saturday evening, February 4th. Mr. Gabler will make further announcements in the near future.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

John C. Thornton, treasurer of the Division, made his report and attention of the members was called to the fact that inasmuch as the annual dues were so low a \$1.00 payment should be made voluntarily at meetings or by mail without necessitating the expense and time involved in sending out statements. A committee composed of Talmage C. Hughes, chairman, L. Robert Blakeslee and Lawrence E. Caldwell was named to prepare a slate for officers and directors for the coming year to be voted upon at the Division's Annual Meeting to be held at the Intercollegiate Alumni Club on Wednesday Evening, February 8th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 P. M. and as this is an important meeting for the Division your officers desire a full attendance.

## BUILDING INDUSTRY LUNCHEON

Colonial Room, Detroit Leland

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25th, 12:15 P. M., \$1.00

Frank P. O'Neil, president, Producers' Council Club of Michigan, has announced that the speaker for this occasion will be Mr. L. Rohe Walter, National Director, Producers' Council, Incorporated and Advertising Manager of The Flintkote Company of New York. Mr. Walter's talk will be of particular interest to architects as well as to the building industry, generally. All those interested are invited to attend.

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student (very special indeed!) and three years with Malcomson & Higgonbottom designing schools, I returned to Albert Kahn's office with a brief interlude of a month in an officer's training camp. I came back proudly with deep horizontal wrinkles in my jacket and the seat of my trousers even with the backs of my knees and was hailed "Here comes the man who won the war!"

1922 found me at Smith, Hinchman & Grylls watching the cops wake the drunks in the morning in Grand Circus Park. We were soon denied this pleasure and became condemned to the Marquette Building — myself for another eight years.

In 1930, the depression moved me to Gus O'Dell's office in the Donovan Building and finally accomplished its dread purpose by sending us both to that infamous street, Stimson Place. Here in domestic — not connubial bliss — we let the dogs out in the morning and the children in at noon from school.

Now we're back in the Marquette Building.

My favorite tobacco is "Model".

My favorite cigarette is "Marvels".

I have no others.

## INTERVIEW WITH A BUILDING BUTLER

### From Screen and Radio Weekly

Eligible bachelors have a difficult time in Hollywood. When they let it be known they are about to build a new house, they are sunk.

Every woman they know begins telling them what to do, where to buy, what kind of a house they should have and just which architect, building contractor and carpenters to employ.

Ask Arthur Treacher. He will warm to the subject immediately and tell you about the enemies he has made because he insists on buying British and building a house according to his ideas instead of those of his friends.

"Why," said I to myself, "must I follow the whims of the world, while I want something quite different?" The answers poured in on me from five glamour girls, three dowagers, four happily married matrons, two unmarried men and 14 assorted husbands who had built houses and knew what they knew. Whew!" Treacher wiped a forehead lined with care as he finished his tea in the Cafe de Paris and girded his loins for his next scene in "The Little Princess."

The Treacher estate is in Encino Acres in the celebrated San Fernando Valley and while the building is going on Arthur rents a house in order to be near the scene of activity. Charles Ruggles and Edward Everett Horton are his nearest neighbors. Also his best friends.

"When I asked an architect to whip up something for me costing in the neighborhood of \$10,000 he came through magnificently with a splendid little number running into about \$16,000 and a possible extra \$4,000 of thises and thats. It was most disconcerting to my banker. He agreed with me that \$10,000 was enough, but what could I do when there, in a very expensive drawing, was the house of my dreams? When I learned that it was to be called something or other Colonial, I balked.

"Just call it Treacher's proposed dwelling," I suggested. But no. So, according to the architect, I have a sort of early Colonial, but what I've actually got is a glorified bungalow.

"When I suggested that I wanted the front of my house at the back, you can imagine the consternation! It couldn't be done according to everybody, including the cement mixer. I wanted the front at the back so when I sat in my living room (28 by 16) or my glassed-in porch (same dimensions) I could look across at the hills and enjoy the view without looking at a constant procession of motor cars. Unheard of. All houses front on the front in this country. However, they couldn't deny it wouldn't cost any more to set it where I wanted it and in the end I won out."

At this point Treacher goes into an elaborate explanation of the difficulties of achieving privacy in this neck of the woods. "To see and be seen seems to be the general idea," he says, with as near a curl of the lip as he can aspire to.

"I talked passages and everybody lifted an eyelash, including my dog. I wanted to have the sleeping rooms on one side of the passage, entirely cut off from each other. They wanted to put a bathroom between. I bought another bathroom and had my way. Now, when I go to bed, nobody is going to stroll in while sleep-walking. They can't find my Shakespearean chambers.

"Actually, I bought the place so I could grow some roses which have a proper scent and a Virginia creeper that has some place to go. I also wanted to have a

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF H. JEROME DARLING

I was born at Mason, Michigan, but was residing in Washington, D. C. before I had outgrown my baby clothes, and later I was transferred to Chicago, Illinois, and other points in between; but I was only a passenger and had no control over these wanderings. Also, my aptitude for building seems to have been thrust upon me by my forefathers.

One of these was Captain Richard H. J. Darling Gridley of Boston, Massachusetts. He is considered to have been about the first brick manufacturer in this country. In a later generation, his residence became the birthplace of Samuel Adams — "Father of the Revolution."

My great, great grandfather, Joseph Darling, in May 1832, was the first of the family to settle in the state of Michigan. He was born at Middleboro, Massachusetts, and the house in which he was born was erected in 1756. This house is still owned and occupied by members of the family. Just another bit of evidence that we Darlings "Know our onion's" when it comes to a matter of good buildings.

To get back to Michigan, the Board of Commerce Building at Lansing is an early example of Darling craftsmanship. This house was erected by Christopher C. Darling as a wedding gift to his daughter. Christopher was a son of Joseph, and was born in 1810. He was a pioneer hotel man at Lansing after the state capitol was removed from Detroit; but he also had been an extensive builder. He built the first saw-mill and the first frame house at Jackson, Michigan, and the History of Jackson (1881) gives credit to him for having done more to promote the early growth of Jackson than any other man.

I am much opposed to any boasting concerning one's very-own self; however, since you have asked for it, I will give you a few pertinent facts. I came from Ann Arbor to build up an over-grown village — known as the City of Detroit. In May, 1909, after having wasted several years in the offices of other architects, I took up the task on my own account, and soon thereafter people began to talk about "Detroit the Dynamic." There, you have "the whole story in a nut shell"; anything to the contrary notwithstanding. My office is still in the National Bank Building, Detroit, Michigan, and I am "rarin' to go."

fireplace big enough for a Yule log that would have delighted the soul of Dickens. I've got it, but it cost me a whale of a lot of money. I use the same outside chimney for a barbecue pit, which saved me a little something. When I noticed that the glassed-in porch didn't come quite flush with the living room, I suggested they bring it in line. They did and it took me for a \$400 ride. But the glass for my windows turned out to be surprisingly cheap. I've got a 28-foot window in my living room, solid glass, and another a little smaller in my dining room (16 by 12). I thought the banker would have a fit, but he never even noticed the item; it was so much less than some of the other things."

But Treacher made one slight error. "When the plans were all in and the house half done," he says, "imagine my chagrin to discover we had left the bally butler's pantry out entirely. A nice thing to happen to Darryl Zanuck's highest paid butler—no?"



## SOCIETY BOARD MEETS

### Passes On By-Laws, Convention Matters

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Architects was called into session at the Intercollegiate Alumni Club in Detroit, Wednesday afternoon, January 11th. As our president, Kenneth Black, is not exactly a free man as far as his time is concerned at present, the call was issued too late to reach all of the directors. However, as the matter of proposed changes to by-laws were urgent in order to facilitate the naming of nominations committees, it was decided to dispose of this matter in a brief meeting just prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Detroit Division. Those present were Messrs. Black, Diehl, Thornton, Hughes, Gamber, Morison and Gabler. The following proposed changes to the Society's by-laws were approved by the Board and ordered published:

### PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS JANUARY 11, 1939

**Art. 11, Sect. 2**—Change "February" to "March" of each year, as period of Annual Meeting.

**Art. 11, Sect. 8**—Change "Seven" to "Six" for quorum of Board.

**Art. 111, Sect. 3**—Strike out this section (Allowing a reduction of \$1.50 in M. S. A. dues for members of The Institute) and change the numbers of following sections to 3, 4 and 5.

**Art. 111, Sect. 6** (Changed to 5)—Change "The officials Handbook" to "Publications" and strike out (hereinafter referred to as The Handbook). In 8th line of this paragraph change "The Handbook" to "said publications". This section will then read—"All monies of whatever nature, except funds payable to the fund set up for the operation and business of publications of the Michigan Society of Architects, shall be received by, handled by and accounted for by the Treasurer of the Society; and all funds pertaining to the operation and business of said publications shall be received by, handled by and accounted for by the Executive Secretary of the Society, both as herein-after provided.

**Art. IV, Sect. 1**—Strike out, "with the exception of the Executive Secretary," and add at end of paragraph, "The Executive Secretary, if not a member of the Michigan Society of Architects, shall not be a director." In the amendment to this section, passed at the 24th Convention, change the word "ten" to "the". This section will then read—"All officers and directors of the Society shall be elected by secret ballot as herein-after provided. The officers shall consist of a President, First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Executive Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be ex-officio Directors of the Society, and together with the directors shall constitute the Board of Directors. The Executive Secretary, if not an Architect, shall not be a director."

**Art. IV, Sect. 2**—(As amended, 24th Convention.). Change—"for the ensuing year" to "To serve until succeeded by the following president." Change—"The remaining Directors at large necessary to raise the number to ten" to "In addition three directors at large." This section will then read—"Each sanctioned Local or District Group organization shall elect from its membership a director to the Board of the Society as provided in Article XI. The retiring President shall automatically become a Director, to serve until succeeded by the following president. In addition three directors at large shall be elected together with the officers at each annual meeting of the So-

society, as herein-after provided. All officers and Directors shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified."

**Art. V, Sect. 5**—Change "(Except for the Handbook)" to "(Except for publications)". This section will then read,— "It shall be the duty of the treasurer to make and forward all invoices, receive all monies (except for publications) and to deposit the same in the name of the Society, in a bank approved by the Board."

**Art. VII, Sect. 4**—Change "At the last regular meeting" to "At a Board Meeting." This section will then read—"At a Board meeting preceding the annual meeting the members present shall elect a nominating committee of three active members, and the President shall appoint a separate nominating committee of three active members. Acting independently of one another, these two committees shall each prepare separate lists of nominees for each of the offices of the elective officers and for the necessary directors at large as provided in Article IV, Sect. 2. The members committee shall recognize and place in nomination any candidate who is an active member, for any office, upon a petition signed by five members, provided such petition is delivered to the chairman of the members' committee at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. Both nominating committees shall report to the Secretary at least ten days prior to the date of the annual meeting."

**Art. X, Sect. 4**—Change "The publication of the Hanbook" to "Publications." This section will then read,— "publications shall be under the direction of the Executive Secretary, and a committee or committee appointed by the President for that purpose."

**Art. X, Sect. 5**—Change, "the publication of the Handbook" to "such publications." This section will then read—"The Board may contract for the Society with an individual or firm, not necessarily an architect, to discharge the business matters pertaining to such publications at what ever arrangement for compensation it may determine as reasonable, just and expedient."

**Art. X, Sect. 10**—Change "February" to "March." This section will then read,— "For the purpose of making complete financial report at the Annual Meeting, the fiscal year of the business of any of the aforesaid publications shall correspond to the fiscal year of the Society, beginning and closing on the first day of March of each year.

**Art. XI**—Change the wording "In the same manner as provided for officers and directors of the Society under Article VII" to read "In a manner to be determined by each local group" and change "One month prior to the Annual Michigan Society of Architects Meeting" to read "At least one month prior to the M. S. A. Meeting." This section will then read:

#### Article XI. Local or District Group Organizations.

The Board may sanction and authorize the formation of Local or District Group Organizations composed of members of this Society whose close geographical affiliation produces a natural bond between them. Each one of these organizations may maintain such an official personnel, as it may deem necessary except that it shall from its own membership annually elect a director to serve on the Board of the Society as mentioned in Article VI. This Director shall be elected in a manner to be determined by each local group at an election of the organization held at least one month prior to the annual M. S. A. meeting. Directors thus elected shall take office at the same time as the officers and Directors at large. Qualifications for and limitations of membership in a local or District Group Organization shall be the

same as for the Society. Each organization may levy dues for its own purposes but each member shall pay such dues to the Society as his class of membership requires. The type of organization of each local group, its rules and its meetings shall be such as it may individually determine if not in conflict with the By-Laws of Michigan Society of Architects.

These proposed changes will be acted upon at a regular

#### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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#### NEW DIVISION APPROVED

The Board also received application for approval of the new division formed on December 30th in the upper peninsula of which David E. Anderson of Marquette is president and N. Albert Nelson of Iron Mountain is Secretary-Treasurer. The application states that the name of the new organization will be Upper Peninsula Group, M. S. A. This application was approved. However, the secretary was instructed to inform Messrs. Anderson and Nelson that the Society's by-laws provide for the election of a director from each group to serve on the Board of the Parent organization.

#### CONVENTION COMMITTEE NAMED

President Black appointed George F. Diehl, president of the Detroit Division, as general chairman on Arrangements for the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention to be held in Detroit, March 16, 17, 18.

#### APLESCOR

At the request of the Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Committee on Registration, President Black appointed Edward X. Tuttle and Robert B. Frantz as alternates to serve with the Society's members on that Committee, Messrs. George F. Diehl and Branson V. Gamber.

#### DIVISION BOARD MEETING

Following this action by the Society Board the Division officers, Messrs. Diehl, Morison, Gabler, Thornton, and Gamber, discussed the personnel of the Convention Committee. Mr. Diehl announced the appointment of George J. Haas as executive chairman on convention arrangements John C. Thornton as a member of the Budget Committee and Clair W. Ditchy was named to secure a speaker. Andrew R. Morison had previously been named as chairman of the Banquet Committee.

#### SHOW SAARINEN, MILLES FILM!

We have obtained Mr. Richard P. Raseman's beautiful colored motion picture of Cranbrook Academy of Art at Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, showing buildings and grounds by Eliel Saarinen, sculpture by Carl Milles and the methods of instruction in the Cranbrook School of Architecture and Design. It will be shown at the January Meeting. Don't miss it!—The Bulletin, Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.

#### NEW HOUSING TOUR

A tour of housing projects in England, France, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Russia, under competent leadership, is announced by The National Public Housing Conference. It leaves New York June 22, returns August 10, and costs approximately \$595.

#### KENNETH M. MURCHISON

It is with great sorrow that we learn of the very sudden passing of Kenneth N. Murchison, eminent New York Architect.

Only meagre details have come to us by way of a last minute notice on the front page of ARCO-TECT, the new publication of the American Radiator Company, of which he was Editor. The notice read:

"Only a few hours before the passing of Kenneth Murchison, he marked down the final corrections in the copy for this issue of The ARCO-TECT. When we said good-night and left our office at five o'clock that Thursday evening, he stayed behind, interested and absorbed, and the copy with his penciled Murchisonian phrases lay on our desk in the morning when we learned that "Good-night" had been "Goodbye."

"There is little need for us to speak here of the biography or accomplishments of the Editor of The ARCO-TECT. Like his thousands of friends in the architectural profession, we felt a deep affection for Kenneth Murchison; admired his abounding enjoyment of life; respected the intrepid keenness of his mind; and enjoyed the satiric twinkle of his humor. He was widely known as a brilliant architect and Beaux-Arts leader. But it was our pleasure to work with the man, charming, intelligent, human.

"He had great plans for The ARCO-TECT. The cordial reception by its readers was a source of deep satisfaction to him, and he hoped for its expansion and growth in prestige.

"This issue is as he planned it, and appears "on time," which was his great concern. It is our wish, as it would be the Editor's, that it draw a chuckle of appreciation from its readers."

The writer never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Murchison, but he was of such strong personality that his spirit went out to many besides the host of intimate friends who knew him personally.

Kenneth Murchison was a man of such varied talents that not only his interest but a real understanding extended to so many of the other arts, in which he was highly accomplished. Besides being an outstanding architect he had served as vice president of the Bowery Savings Bank and was a distinct credit to our profession, as well as to himself, in demonstrating the wise counsel offered by one of such ability and high standing.

For years he was the moving spirit in the Beaux Arts Ball staged by New York Architects and his productions made it the outstanding social event in the nation's greatest metropolis.

He was one of the architects who published The Magazine, The Architect and his writings were unique in style and good humor. It was logical, therefore that he should be chosen for the new publication, ARCO-TECT and the most important men of the profession bespoke a great future for it.

A few years ago a group of architects, former Beaux Arts Students, designed, built and owned a group of buildings in New York known as the Beaux Arts Apartments. Kenneth Murchison took a leading part in this venture which has been an outstanding success. The plan and design showed great originality of thought. Murchison lived there and recently a "Let's Visit" national radio program was broadcast from there, in which the architect spoke on some of the interesting facts of the building's inception and history. The idea was to create a typical Paris street scene and the results are charming.

Ken Murchison has passed but his spirit lives on in the minds of a multitude of friends who had loved him for the many fine qualities he possessed.

## BY-LAWS DETROIT DIVISION, M. S. A.

Approved at Division Meeting January 11, 1939

- 1 **THE NAME** of the organization shall be DETROIT DIVISION, MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS.
- 2 **THE PURPOSE** shall be to further the interests of, and membership in, the Michigan Society of Architects and to provide a means for the architects residing, practicing, or employed in the Detroit area to avail themselves of the benefits offered by the Society under its By-Laws and to further the professions usefulness to the public.
- 3 **MEMBERSHIP** shall be composed of active members of the Michigan Society of Architects residing, practicing, or employed in the Detroit area, who have paid to the Division the annual dues for the current year.
- 4a **ANNUAL DUES** shall be one dollar (\$1.00) payable annually in advance. Any member failing to pay dues within sixty (60) days after a bill is rendered is automatically dropped from membership until such dues are paid.
- b **ADMISSION FEES** or initiation fees will not be required of new members.
- c **ASSESSMENTS**, if approved by the Board, may be levied at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present.
- 5 **OFFICERS** shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Director on the Board of the Michigan Society of Architects. These five shall constitute the Board of Directors and shall hold office for one year. Vacancies to be filled at the discretion of the President for the balance of the year.
- 6 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** shall be by secret ballot at the Annual Meeting. One Nominating Committee shall be named by the President to prepare the slate for officers. The Nominating Committee shall propose as many names for each office as it so desires. Other nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. There shall be no voting by proxies.
- 7a **MEETINGS** of the Board shall be held monthly. Meetings of the Division shall be held the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise called by the President.
- b **ANNUAL MEETING** shall be held approximately one month prior to the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Society of Architects. At such meeting the reports of all Officers and Committees shall be presented, and the election of officers shall take place as provided herein.
- 8 **QUORUM** of the Board shall be three. At a meeting of the Division, one-fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 9 **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS** shall be as set forth in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised," when not inconsistent with these By-Laws.
- 10a **ALL MONEY**s received by the Division from dues or other sources shall be deposited to the account of the Division as maintained by the Treasurer.
- b **OBLIGATIONS** or indebtedness incurred by the Division, its Officers or Committees, up to an amount equal to the collections for the annual period, must be approved by the Board. An

amount in excess of the annual collections must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

- c **GIFTS, BEQUESTS** or Devises cannot be solicited, received, taken, or accepted by any person, committee, representative or agent of this Division other than the Board, unless specifically authorized and empowered to do so by the Board.

- 11a **COMMITTEES** of the Division shall be STANDING COMMITTEES, established in these By-Laws, and SPECIAL COMMITTEES, established by either the Board or the Division.

- b **SPECIAL COMMITTEES** shall expire at the completion of their assigned duties. The President shall appoint such committees as are authorized.

- c **STANDING COMMITTEES** shall have membership and duties as hereinafter prescribed. The term of office shall expire at the adjournment of the annual meeting of the Division, but any thereof may be recreated. The President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint membership of all Standing Committees.

1. **Committee on Membership** shall consist of three members, and its duties shall be to secure members.

2. **Committee on Architectural Practice** shall consist of three members and its duties shall be to consider matters of practice within the profession.

3. **Committee on Program** shall consist of three members, and its duties shall be to plan and arrange for all functions of the Division.

4. **Committee on Relations with the Construction Industry** shall consist of three members, and its duties shall be to foster a cooperative relationship with the contractors, producers and dealers in building materials and equipment.

5. **Committee on Public Relations** shall consist of three members, and its duties shall be to promote the usefulness of the profession and to prepare matter for the press, and develop methods of promulgating such publicity.

6. **Committee on Education** shall consist of three members, and its duties shall be to promote higher aesthetic, scientific, and practical qualifications of those engaged, or about to engage, in the profession.

7. **Committee on Allied Arts** shall consist of three members, and its duties shall be to foster and promote a closer relationship between architects and the arts of design allied with architecture.

8. **Committee on Registration and Legislation** shall consist of three members, and its duties shall be to cooperate with the state board of architectural examiners to maintain a high standard, and to forward state-wide and local legislation that will promote the welfare of the profession and of the public.

- 12 **AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS** may be made at any meeting of the Division by a two-thirds vote of those present, providing the proposed amendments shall have been stated by written notice to the members at least one week prior to the meeting.

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## STATE SALES AND USE TAXES

The sales and use taxes will be objects of attentive interest both to the legislative and the executive branches of the incoming state administration.

Recent publicity has tended to focus attention on alleged non-receipts of tax by the state. Estimates of escape ramble through quite a range of millions of dollars.

Legitimate business of Michigan can obviously have but one view as to enforcement of the law. So long as a sales tax and a use tax are on the statute books, business must welcome impartial and thorough enforcement. Lack of such enforcement gives the non-payer a three per cent advantage on his competition and the way competition is today any force which gives anyone a three per cent advantage is a nefarious force and one which should be rectified.

The use tax is undoubtedly the least enforced of the two. This tax in its present form is a problem child to anyone—even to the administrators of the act. But a problem child must be handled. It cannot run hog wild.

The use tax was imposed for two main reasons; (1) to raise additional revenue (2) to free intrastate business from a three per cent handicap with interstate business. In general terms and without becoming technically legal, it may be said that the use tax is collectible either from the consumer or the seller. We must regard the fact that in many cases the consumer is outside the state and cannot be reached practically while obviously the consumer is in the state and can be reached.

So far in the history of the sales tax, the construction industry has regarded it as a practical tax and has leaned backward in its avoidance of trying to hamper or throttle the tax. Specifically the industry has made no concerted endeavor to be exempted on the general ground of industrial processing. And yet there are at least nicely debatable reasons why it might be exempt.

The logical application of the sales tax to the construction industry is different from its logical application to any other industry whatsoever. This difference in application comes from the fact that contractors on the job convert materials into a part of real property and the sales tax does not apply to real property and therefore the contractor becomes the last buyer of materials in their state as personal property; excepting when an owner buys them direct. Not at all times in the history of the tax has the tax administration board held to this view and not in all states having a sales tax did they hold to

this view on the start. But all the states are coming to this logical viewpoint. No other view of the matter seems tenable.

The construction industry in general and the committee of the Builders' and Traders' Exchange in particular will watch closely for any action tending toward changing the application of the sales and use taxes.

There is no signified desire so far for any action to be taken as regards the construction industry, and it is apparent that what the many firms doing business in the construction industry want is simplification of rules and correct interpretation to the end that all in any particular division of the industry can feel that they are all being given the same treatment under a logical set of rules.

It is not a remote possibility, however, that if the subject opens up at Lansing, the construction industry will come in with some program. Anyone in the industry possessing the interest is invited to confer with the Builders' and Traders' Exchange.

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RE-ELECTS OFFICERS**

At its annual meeting, the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Institute of Architects held its election of officers which resulted in the re-election for 1939 of last year's officers. They are:

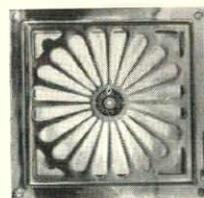
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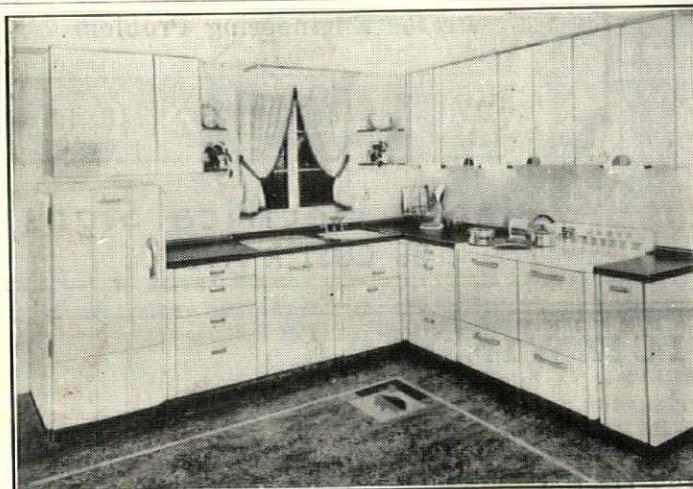


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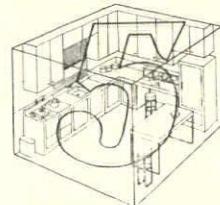
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## REPORT OF SCHOOL LAW COMMITTEE

At the last Convention of the Michigan Society of Architects held in Battle Creek in March of last year a topic of interest was the new School Law. Since the law makes the architect responsible in designing and building school buildings that will be safe, and since there seemed to be considerable doubt as to the interpretation of certain provisions of the Act, the Convention recommended that the president of the Society appoint a committee to work with the State departments which have to do with the enforcement of the Act.

At a subsequent meeting of the Society Board President Kenneth C. Black appointed Mr. Henry H. Turner of Grand Rapids, chairman and Frederick Beckbissinger, Lee Black, Lynn W. Fry Maynard Lyndon and Lewis J. Sarvis as members. Herewith are report and correspondence.

### MR. TURNER WRITES

The School Law Committee recently received the tentative approval of State School Superintendent Eugene B. Elliott to the preliminary recommendations of the Committee seeking to clarify and interpret the House Enrolled Act No. 227 for regulating the construction of school buildings.

We believe it would be helpful if you would publish the Act along side of the Committee's tentative draft in the Weekly Bulletin before the March Convention of the M. S. A., suggesting that each member preserve his copy of this particular number of the Bulletin as a basis for further discussion at the Convention.

I, therefore, enclose along with the Biog and Physog a printed copy of the Act of the 1937 Session of the Legislature, a tentative draft of the School Law Committee's report together with a copy of Superintendent Elliott's letter of approval,—a digest of which might be published as the considered opinion of Mr. Elliott's reaction of the present law.

The School Law Committee is not keen for such actions as may result in the repeal of the present law nor necessarily to seek amendments until such time as an improved and adequate state code of school planning and construction can be intelligently formulated and successfully adopted by an informed and sympathetic legislature.

In the meantime Mr. Elliott's suggestion that a commission of three members be appointed representing the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Fire Marshall and the Michigan Society of Architects respectively, might be a satisfactory solution for administering the present act

together with the suggested clauses recommended by the School Law Committee for clarifying the same.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

HENRY H. TURNER, Chairman  
M. S. A. Committee on School Law

### MR. TURNER WRITES MR. ELLIOTT, SUPT. DEPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Dear Sir:

In view of the various interpretations which have been made of House Enrolled Act No. 227 and the confusion which exists in the minds of the Architects of Michigan with respect thereto, the Michigan Society of Architects has authorized the appointment of a committee of its members to confer with state officials in an attempt to arrive at a mutually satisfactory interpretation of this law.

The Committee appointed to have this matter in charge are the following:

Henry H. Turner, Grand Rapids. (Chairman)  
Frederick Beckbissinger, Saginaw  
Lee Black, Lansing  
Lynn W. Fry, Ann Arbor  
Maynard Lyndon, Detroit  
Lewis J. Sarvis, Battle Creek

After giving due consideration to the various provisions of the Act, the committee recommends that certain sections of the Act be clarified for interpretation. The committee, however, does not desire amendments to the Act at this time but simply to promote unanimity of interpretation of the present Act and attempt to clear up the present confusion existing among the Architects operating under the same.

We, therefore, suggest for your consideration the

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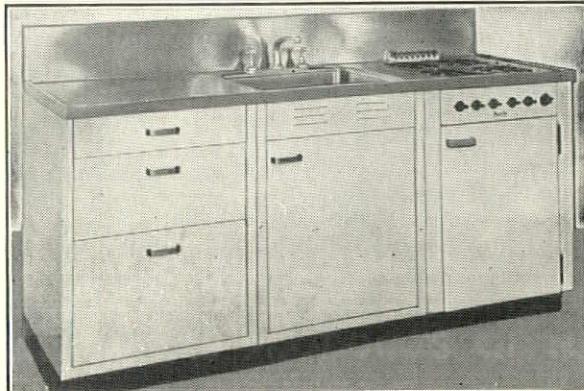
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We desire to acknowledge material received the past week from Messrs. Swanson, Van Volkenburg, Millar, Ed Byers, Colvin, Feliciano, Davenport, Greganoff, Oppenhamer, Merrit, Cole, Knox, Brandt, Kimball, Stanley Simpson, Ralph Herrick, Swarts, Jepson, Turner, DesRosiers, Schley and Hahn.

They are coming in so fast that indications are there will be very few missing. The issue will be at least ninety per cent representative of all architects registered in Michigan.

### MARKLE WINS CHEVROLET

Walter C. Markle of Schroeder Paint and Glass Company has just received a telegram from the Stark Nurseries of Louisiana, Missouri that he is winner of a Chevrolet sedan awarded as a prize for the best name for a new crimson apricot tree developed by that company. There were more than 5000 entries. Markle's name was "Starkrimson."

In 1932 when Walter's friends were sending him greeting cards, wishing him a happy bank holiday, he set about to find a side line. How he managed to connect the glass business with nurseries has not been explained, nevertheless, he did create quite a business in the sale of nursery stock of the only company selected by the late Luther Burbank to carry on the contributions he had made.

Markle also received a telegram of congratulations from Governor Lloyd Stark of Missouri, one of the brothers who own the nursery.

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### MORITZ KAHN

Moritz Kahn of the firm of Albert Kahn, Incorporated Architects and Engineers died suddenly January 16 as a train on which he was traveling entered Grand Central Station, New York. A physician from The New York Central emergency hospital pronounced him dead of natural causes.

Mr. Kahn, a civil engineer, was born in Echternbach, Luxembourg, the son of Joseph Kahn and Rosalie Cohn. He came to America in 1881 and was graduated from the University of Michigan.

Moritz Kahn started his career with the American Bridge Co. in Detroit in 1903. In 1904 he joined the Trussed Concrete Steel Co. and was sent to organize an English company in 1905. He was managing director of the Trussed Concrete Steel So., Ltd., of England, from 1906 to 1923.

Mr. Kahn, following the death of Ivar Kreuger, Swedish match king, recalled that he had met Kreuger in 1909 when the latter called at his London office to obtain the German rights of the Kahn system of reinforcing concrete. In 1912 Kreuger offered Mr. Kahn a half interest in his match business for \$5000, but the Detroit engineer rejected the offer.

In October, 1923, he joined the firm of his brother, Albert, in the firm of Albert Kahn, Incorporated Architects and Engineers, which connection he held at his death.

Mr. Kahn had numerous real estate interests.

Among inventions and contributions he made to the construction field were hollow concrete piles, steel sash construction, steel tile floor construction, and pre-cast reinforced concrete ships, adopted by the English Admiralty during the World War.

In 1931 Mr. Kahn made a five-month visit to Russia, where his firm acted as chief designers for the Soviet's vast industrial program.

On his return he said:

"The Soviet government, whether we like it or not, has come to stay. Whether we like it or not, the Soviet government is going through with its industrial program and for many years to come is going to be one of the world's largest markets."

Mr. Kahn leaves his wife, Edith, three daughters, Mrs. Bayre Levin, Betty and Paulette, and one son, Albert Eugene. Surviving also are brothers, Albert and Louis of Detroit, Julius of Cleveland and Felix of San Francisco, and a sister, Mrs. Walter Fuchs of Detroit.

### INDUSTRY LUNCHEON CANCELED

The Building Industry Luncheon previously announced for Wednesday, January 25th at the Detroit Leland Hotel has been postponed due to unforeseen changes in the plans of Mr. L. Rhoe Walter, National Director of the Producers' Council and Advertising Manager of the Flintkote Company of New York, who had been engaged as speaker. Further announcement will be made in the near future.

## DIVISION COMMITTEES

George F. Diehl, president, Detroit Division Michigan Society of Architects has announced the appointment of committees for the coming year. In each case the first named is chairman. The committees are as follows:

### CONVENTION COMMITTEES

George F. Diehl, General Chairman

George J. Haas, Executive Chairman

#### Registration Committee

John C. Thornton, Chairman

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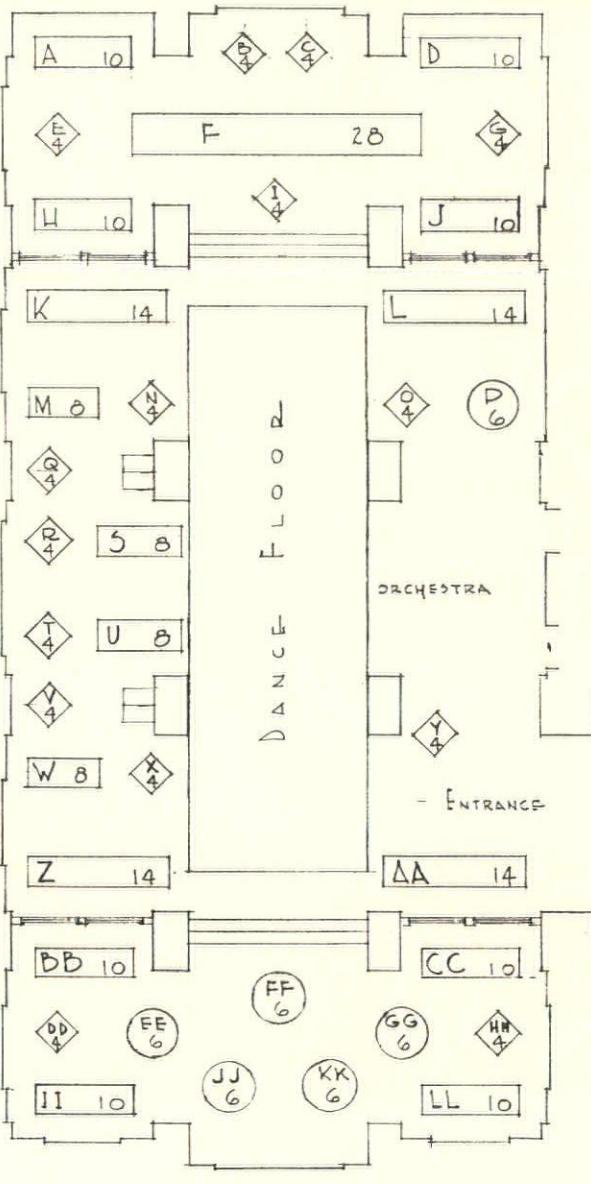
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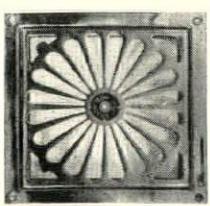
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**MR. TURNER WRITES MR. ELLIOTT, SUPT. DEPT.  
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clarifying clauses herein attached and would appreciate having you advise the Chairman of the Committee if the same meets with your tentative approval.

The Committee believes its desirable to poll the entire membership of the Michigan Architects before making a definite recommendation and would endeavor to accomplish this through the medium of the Weekly Bulletin of the Michigan Society of Architects by publishing the suggested tentative interpretations in the Bulletin in the near future for the purpose of clearing up possible other disputed Sections of the Act.

In order to expedite the matter your approval to the publishing of the tentative recommendations of the committee at your earliest convenience would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

HENRY H. TURNER, Chairman

**THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPLY**

Mr. Henry H. Turner, Architect  
200 Federal Square Building  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

My dear Mr. Turner:

I have read with much interest the interpretation of Act 306 P. A. 1937, as recommended by the committee of the Michigan Society of Architects, and wish to express my approval both of the interpretation and of the proposal to publish it in the Bulletin of the Society for the information of the architects throughout the state. The publication of this preliminary interpretation will undoubtedly bring forth constructive suggestions which will be helpful to your committee in formulating a final interpretation.

In view of the numerous problems that have come to our attention in connection with plans for the construction of new school buildings and for the remodeling of existing school buildings, I am of the opinion that the law should be amended to correct ambiguities and to take care of needs which are not covered at present. It might even be better to enact a new law so carefully worded that its intent will be absolutely clear and cannot be avoided. There is considerable dissatisfaction with the present law and there is danger that it may be repealed unless it is improved.

Your interpretation will serve as a splendid basis for amending the present law or for enacting a new law. In addition, there are several problems that need attention. They are as follows:

1. All school buildings having two or more stories and all school buildings having one story and basement or partial basement, regardless of use of basement or partial basement, shall be constructed of fire-resistive material.

2. Adequate heating, ventilation, lighting, number and location of stairs and exits, water supply and toilet facilities, should be provided according to standards established in the law.

3. All school buildings of two stories in height and of fire proof construction should be exempt from the necessity of installing fire escapes provided they have adequate stairways and exits as prescribed in the law.

4. All school buildings of three or more stories in height and of fire proof construction should have

adequate fire escapes of the stair type enclosed in fire-proof and smoke-proof towers. These towers should be constructed either within the building adjacent to the outside walls or outside the building adjacent to the outside walls. The architect should incorporate these fire-escape towers as essential features of the building plans. These fire-escape towers can be planned to serve as regular stairs and to provide regular exits from the building. By incorporating fire escape towers as a part of the building, three purposes are accomplished: (1) safety for the children, (2) elimination of unsightly outside fire escapes, and (3) compliance with State Fire Marshal Law.

5. In the remodeling of heating plants in existing buildings, steam plants replacing warm air furnaces should be located in fire-proof rooms outside of the school building.

6. The preliminary plans and the final plans and specifications of all school buildings should be submitted for review, improvement and approval to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction or to a Commission consisting of three members to be appointed as follows:-one by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, one by the State Fire Marshal, and one by the President of the Michigan Society of Architects. The records of the commission should be kept in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. No building construction should be started until the plans have been approved.

If I can be of service in any way in connection with this problem, feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

EUGENE B. ELLIOTT,  
Superintendent

**Tentative Draft of Clauses to clarify and interpret House Enrolled Act No. 227, regulating the construction of school buildings. Recommended by the Committee on School Law appointed by the Michigan Society of Architects.**

Section I, paragraph 1: - Interpret: A one-story addition to a present school building may be erected with masonry walls, but otherwise ordinary wood joist and stud construction and wood finish or, may be a frame building constructed with wood above foundations, provided the floor level of same be kept not more than two (2) feet above grade, without basement, and that properly designed separate exits be incorporated in the plans for each and every unit used for school purposes.

Section I, paragraph 3: - Interpret: The roof decks and partitions of a one-story appendage to a school building used for the purposes of a gymnasium, cafeteria, small auditorium or place of school assembly may be of wood construction provided the floor level of same be kept slightly above grade, without basement, that a fire-wall of fire resisting materials, from foundation to three (3) feet above the roof level be constructed between any such addition and present building with approved fire doors protecting all openings therein, that properly designed separate exits be provided for, that roof coverings shall be semi-fireproof material such as "Michigan Standard Specification," pitch felt and gravel or slag, asphalt, slate, asbestos, tile or similar fire-resistant materials and that fire-resistant lath or plasterboard only be used on wood stud partitions with not less than 5/8" thickness of plastering material, and that all structural steel members except shelf angles shall be protected by at least 3/4" of fire resisting material.

Section I, paragraph 4: - Interpret: Nor shall these regulations be construed as prohibiting the use of wood door and window frames, wood sash, wood furring or grounds on masonry walls, structural steel or concrete ceiling members, for the purpose of installing wood trim, panelling, acoustical units, or similar materials.

Section I, paragraph 5: - Interpret: Said heating unit shall not be located directly beneath any portion of the building used for school purposes.

Section I, paragraph 6: - Interpret: Adequate exits and stairways shall be based on the following formula: Stairways and exits shall be sufficient in number to empty the building in three (3) minutes or less, on basis of actual determination for each building, using the rule that 120 pupils in line, two abreast, can pass a given point in one minute. No two story building shall have less than two stairways. Buildings having nine or more rooms on the second floor shall have more than two stairways in the proportion of one stairway for each set of five class rooms. Stairways shall not be less than four feet wide measuring between handrails, shall be in two runs of approximately the same length from story to story with broad landing between runs equal to length of tread in stairs leading to it.

Respectfully submitted,  
 HENRY H. TURNER (Chairman)  
 FREDERICK BECKBISSINGER  
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**HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 227**

AN ACT to promote the safety and welfare of the people of the state of Michigan by regulating the construction of certain public buildings, and to define the class of buildings affected by this act; to prescribe the powers and duties of the fire marshal with respect thereto; to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts, general local and special inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this act.

**The People of the State of Michigan enact:**

Section I, No school building, public or private, or additions thereto, shall hereafter be erected in the state of Michigan except it be in conformity with the following provisions of this act:

1. This act shall apply to school buildings having more than one story. If it shall be designed for class rooms in the basement, then the basement shall be considered as one floor. School gymnasiums, school cafeterias, school auditoriums and school places of assembly shall be specifically included under the provisions of this act.

2. All plans and specifications, for buildings under the scope of this act, shall be prepared by, and the construction supervised by, an architect or engineer who is registered in the state of Michigan.

3. All walls, floors, partitions and roofs shall be constructed of fire-resisting materials such as stone, brick, tile, concrete, gypsum, steel or similar fire-resisting materials. All steel members shall be pro-

tected by at least three-fourths of an inch of fire-resisting material.

4. No wood lath or wood furring shall be used. However, these regulations shall not be construed as prohibiting the use of wood flooring on masonry sub-floors, or the use of wood sleepers, wood cabinets, or wood trim.

5. Every room enclosing a heating unit shall be enclosed by walls of fire-resisting materials and shall be equipped with automatically-closing fire-doors; and said heating unit shall not be located directly beneath a class room: **Provided further**, That in any school where natural gas or any other kind of gas shall be used for heating purposes said gas shall be chemically treated before being used in such a manner as to give a very distinguishable odor if any leak should develop in the heating system.

6. In gymnasiums, fire-proofings may be omitted from the trusses and purlins if they are more than sixteen feet off the main floor level; also from the steel supports of the running track. The running track shall be constructed of wood not less than two inches thick. It shall be the duty of the architect or engineer to provide adequate exits. In all cases there shall be at least two stairways and the distance from the door of any class or assembly room to a stairway shall not exceed one hundred feet.

Sec. 2. The architect or engineer preparing the plans and specifications or supervising the construction of any such building shall be responsible for constructing the building of adequate strength so as to resist fire, and constructing the building in a workmanlike manner.

Sec. 3. The state fire marshal shall inspect any such building to determine whether or not the construction thereof complies with the provisions of this act. Each building shall be inspected by the state fire marshal at least twice during construction, one inspection to be made of the frame work of the building prior to plastering and one inspection shall be made on the completion of the building. With respect to such inspections, the state fire marshal shall have the same powers as set forth in act number one hundred seventy-eight of the public acts of nineteen hundred fifteen, as amended, being sections six hundred three to six hundred twenty, inclusive, of the compiled laws of nineteen hundred twenty-nine.

Sec. 4. The license or registration of any architect or engineer convicted of violating any of the provisions of this act shall be revoked. In addition, any architect or engineer violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished as provided by the laws of this state.

Sec. 5. Should any provision or section of this act be held to be invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any remaining portion of such section or of this act, it being the legislative intent that this act shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any such provision or section.

Sec. 5a. The provisions of this act shall not apply to the construction or alteration of any rural school building or gymnasium where the total cost thereof does not exceed five thousand dollars.

Sec. 6. All acts and parts of acts, general, local and special, are hereby superseded and repealed insofar as inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

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## The Annual Meeting and Election

The election and the annual meeting of the Builders' and Traders' Exchange ran according to the accustomed schedules, January 17. The only significant change in operations being change of place from the quarters of the Exchange to the Shelby Rooms of the Fort Shelby Hotel.

The polls were opened in the offices of the Exchange at 9 a. m. with Walter Giesecking, Albert Beever, and Herman Banbrook in charge—these three composing the election committee. At 12 noon the polls were transferred to the Shelby Hotel and Guyman Jacobs chairman of the room and rules committee assisted the election committee. The polls closed at three.

The successful three candidates for directorships were in the order of votes cast, Dr. Clarence Candler of the J. D. Candler Roofing Company; Ray Adam of the William A. Adam Company; and Edward Schuster of the Schuster Equipment Company.

From twelve to three an excellent buffet luncheon was the main order of occupation with the "horseshoe bar" a runner up from the start.

President Bert T. Haberkorn called the annual meeting to order at three o'clock and the first important feature was the treasurer's report which in the absence of John Wenzel, treasurer of the Exchange was presented by Carl Doeren of Carl Doeren Company, auditors for the Exchange.

The report showed a slight raise in both expenses and income for the year over the preceding year. Both in 1937 and 1938 the Exchange has shown an operating profit approximating twenty per cent on its net worth. Of course, it must be understood that the net worth does not run into the millions or over. But it is a good percentage anyhow, and about as meaningful as lots of other quoted percentages. (Parenthetically, in justice to the auditor we must add that he did not quote the above percentages. "We" did that.)

The secretary's report came next and seeing as to how the secretary is writing this, what can "we" say? It was a fine report—everybody said so. They even voted that it was and that clinches the matter. Now we can go on with a clear conscience. The report indicated an 8 per cent increase in membership during the past year. The membership of the Exchange has increased constantly from its low point reached in 1933 until now at its present figure it has never been exceeded except in 1929-30-31. The membership should cross the thousand mark within three

years. (Parenthetically in justice to the secretary we must add that he did not mention the thousand mark. We did that.) But when you get above five hundred it is not far to the thousand mark.

The secretary showed a long graph and talked shortly about its meaning. It was a chart showing the income and the expenses of the Exchange from 1926 to 1938 inclusive. It showed balanced budget operations from 1927 on. The net worth of the Exchange as at end of 1938 was approximately fifty per cent greater than as of the end of 1926.

The secretary reported on the estimating school and the "Buyers Guide" directory and on other important activities.

The next order of business was the report of the Golf Chairman of the Architects, Builders' and Traders' Golf Outings. Bill has been chairman for eleven years and his report boiled down shows six outings for 1938, total players 440—total dinners 488. Years ago we had less dinners than golfers, but the change is not due to our going soft—it is due to "bigger and better" dinners.

Next order of business was the president's annual report, and Bert Haberkorn made a full report on the activities of the Exchange as reflected in action and debate in the Board of Directors sessions for the year. It really made an imposing array of activitiess ranging to getting some sort of action on low cost housing to voting in regard to a civic center to be at the foot of Woodward Avenue.

When Bert finished, one member suggested that the members be let in on more of the things which are being taken up by the Board. That was easily answered. Some of the things resulted in special meetings to which all members were invited. Notices of several such meetings were published on this page during the past year. Other actions of the Board resulted in bulletins or publicity in one form or another. The members "are not let in on what is happening, but many of them do not come when they are 'let in on it'."

Jess Stoddard in behalf of the Exchange presented Bert Haberkorn with a wonderful cow hide bag and then presented the audience with a wonderful speech.

There were others called on and other speeches but our space on this paper looks to me as if you will be at the bottom of the printed page by this time.

Among the members present at the meeting itself, we noticed the following men who have served as president of the Builders' and Traders' Exchange;

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Albert Beever, Herman Banbrook; Edward Horning; Ferd Korneffel; and Mason P. Rumney. Besides the president, the following members of the board were present; Ray Spitzley, vice president; Vern Taylor; Walter Giesecking; and Paul Sutherland. Paul told a story, but "we" can't.

The new idea of having the annual meeting at the Fort Shelby produced unanimous opinion that it was the best annual meeting and "open house" we have ever had.

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**PEREIRA, P. R.**, 1548 Tyler.—

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**SCHLEY, CYRIL EDWARD**—605 Lafayette Building Prep. sketches steel Constr. Res. Gr. Pte.

### DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Detroit Division, Michigan Society of Architects will meet at the International Alumni Club, Wednesday evening, February 8th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 P. M.

The Nominating Committee have prepared a slate of officers for the coming year to be voted upon at this meeting. The slate is as follows:

For President, George F. Diehl

For Vice-President, Andrew R. Morison

For Secretary, Cornelius L. T. Gabler

For Treasurer, Lawrence E. Caldwell

Lyle S. Cole

For Director, Branson V. Gamber

All officers are nominated to succeed themselves with the exception of Treasurer, John C. Thornton, now treasurer of the Michigan Society of Architects. He has declined to be renominated as treasurer of the Division. Other nominations may be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

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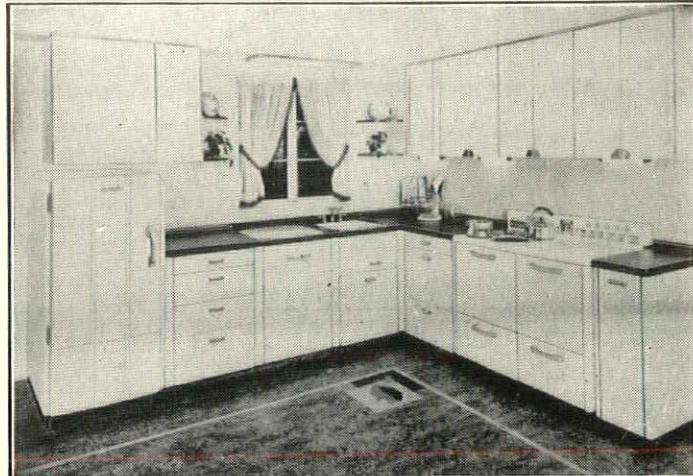
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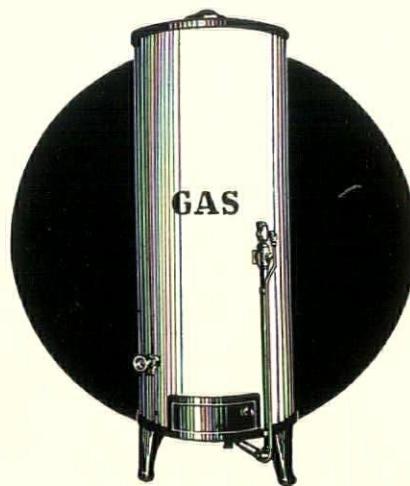
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